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Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement |

In compliance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. S1.56, applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following reference, which is listed on accompanying form PTO-1449 (Exhibit F), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit G.

Price, V.L., U.S. Patent No. 5,616,477, issued April 1, 1997, filed July 7, 1994. (Exhibit G).

This reference was cited in an Office Action dated September 7, 1999 in a related application (Serial No. 08/481,809) to the present application. Applicants maintain that the subject reference neither discloses nor suggests the invention claimed in the present application, whether viewed alone or in combination with any of the other cited references.

A fee of ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS (\$180.00) is believed due for submission of this Information Disclosure Statement. Authorization is hereby provided to charge the required fee to Deposit account No. 03 3125.

Summary

For all of the reasons set forth hereinabove, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the various grounds of objection and rejection and earnestly solicit allowances of the now pending claims, i.e., claims 97, 101-111 and 113-118.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' attorney